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NEW-TYPE GOODS AVAILABLE IN Leningrad

ARMENIAN DISTRIBUTION LAGS -- Kommunist, No 181, 3 Aug 49

There are still a number of inadequacies in the operation of the Ministry of Trade Armenian SSR and the republic's trade organizations in completing the commodity turnover plan, in organizing an efficient trade system, and in providing the population with a sufficient quantity and assortment of industrial and staple goods.

The Armenian commodity turnover plans for 1948 and the first half of 1949 were not fulfilled even though there was a sufficient quantity of goods to do so. As a result of the lack of control by trade organizations, some goods have accumulated in warehouses and in the trade network. The practice of self-initiated purchases by local trade organizations without taking into consideration consumers' demands has still not yet been eradicated. There are many instances of local consumers' unions purchasing poor-quality and expensive goods for which there is no demand.

The Ministry of Food Industry and the Ministry of Meat and Dairy Industry are not producing and supplying trade organizations with a sufficient quantity and assortment of goods for the spring and summer period, such as nonalcoholic beverages, mineral water, ice cream, sausages, and meat. Sewing, knitted-wear, and shoe factories also continue to produce poor-quality, unseasonable, and old-fashioned goods, and these in inadequate variety. The production and sale of children's articles is particularly unsatisfactory. The Ministry of Trade and the republic's trade organizations must guarantee efficient Soviet trade, expand commodity turnover, liquidate mass shipments of goods to the trade network which do not take into account consumers' demands, do away with survivals of the rationing system, and actively cooperate with industry, attaining complete conformity between the assortment and quality produced and the demands of the population.

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CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN CONSUMERS' UNIONS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 150, 3 Aug 49

In Kazakhstan commodity turnover during the first half of 1949 was 14 percent greater than during the corresponding period of 1947 and 11 percent greater than during the corresponding period of 1948.

Kazakh consumers' cooperatives have also made considerable progress. They fulfilled the second-quarter commodity turnover plan and are shipping a greater variety of goods to the villages. Nevertheless, there are a number of very substantial inadequacies in the operation of Kazakh consumers' cooperatives. The assortment of goods on sale in village and rayon shops is still inadequate. The level of trade carried out in the majority of village stores is markedly lower than in the cities.

The rural trade network has many gaps. There are no rayon shops in 20 Kazakh rayons and many kolkhozes have no permanent stores. The shunting of goods intended for rural localities to cities and large workers' settlements is evidence of the under-evaluation of Soviet trade in the villages and auls. Industrial sales offices are very little concerned with the shipment of goods. They do not carry out instructions about transit shipment of goods and about the use of warehouses and transit stations. The Kazakh Union of Consumers' Cooperatives has not only failed to combat the shunting of goods from village to city but is actually encouraging this.

Another criticism is the failure of some consumers' unions to consider the economic peculiarities and consumers' tastes in each region. In addition, many village stores fail to provide the necessary assortment of goods. For example, there is only one men's suit for sale in the shop of the Gailikskiy Rayon Consumers' Union, although there are a variety of men's suits in the warehouses of the oblast consumers' union.

All this is evidence of the irresponsible attitude of directors of a number of consumers' unions, and oblast and rayon trade sections toward satisfying the demands of the rural consumer. Soviet and trade organizations must regularly control the operation of consumers' unions. Shareholders must take the initiative so that they may more fully enjoy those rights granted them by the charter of consumers' societies. -- M. Sapargaliyev, Minister of Trade Kazakh SSR

LENINGRAD GETS NEW-TYPE CONSUMERS' GOODS -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 182, 4 Aug 49

Enterprises of the Leningrad local industry have mastered the production of 160 new types of consumers' goods during the first 7 months of 1949.

The first series of combination vacuum cleaners has been produced. They are equipped with electric coils and can be used, if necessary, to provide hot air for drying walls, laundry, and clothes. Other new items are the aluminum three-burner kerosene stove, and the folding travel bag made of a waterproof fabric, pervolit. The production of wicker furniture has also been organized.

Knitting enterprises have manufactured several new models of ladies' and children's jackets, sweaters, and suits.

MOSCOW OFFICE HAS GOODS FOR SALE -- Vechnaya Moskva, No 183, 3 Aug 49

The Moscow Wholesale Base has the following articles for sale, payment by check: portable typewriters, radio tubes for imported radio receivers, gas stoves and hot plates, electric plugs with sockets, high frequency cable, telephone cable, thermocouples and manometers, flexible metal hose, magnesite in metal containers, levers, "artus" cutting tools, and capstans for machine tools and various other tools. -- Advertisement.

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NEW GENERAL STORE OPENS IN TBILISI -- Zarya Vostoka, No 154, 7 Aug 49

A new general store of industrial cooperatives has been opened in Tbilisi not far from Shannyan Square. The store has a large selection of goods manufactured by local artels.

Men's, women's and children's shoes are delivered to the store by the "Saknabadi" and imeni 26 komissarov artels. Household goods are in great demand, especially copper teapots, galvanized pails, aluminum dishes, beds, locks, nails, and other products of the "Metallist" and "Elektrometall" industrial artels. The store also sells furniture, fabrics, knitted goods, underwear, and cosmetics.

KHABAROVSK BUYS FOOD IN SIBERIA -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 185, 7 Aug 49

This year, trade organizations of the Khabarovsk Krai Consumers' Cooperative has organized purchase of food products in Siberia and Central Asian republics. "Kooptorg" has bought 400 head of cattle in Altay Krai, 100 tons of butter in Siberia, and a large quantity of onions and other agricultural products in Kazakhstan. The organizations have also bought 300 tons of fresh apples and 50 tons of dried fruits. In all, 30 million rubles' worth of food products will be sent to Khabarovsk and Komsomol'sk.

SAKHALIN TRANSPORT OFFICE ABOLISHES BASE -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 160, 9 Jul 49

The Vladivostok Trade and Procurement Base of the Tuzhmo-Sakhalinsk "Torgomtrans" /Maritime Trading Transport/ Office has been abolished. Until 20 July, direct all claims to: Vladivostok, Beregovaya, 3. -- Advertisement

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